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Options

Paradise
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Itinerary Oahu (4)

DAY 1 OAHU Board your flight bound for Hawaii and the island of Oahu. Aloha! A private bus and driver will escort you to the world-famous Waikiki Beach area. This two-mile stretch of beach runs from Diamond Head to Ala Wai Canal. Diamond Head, an extinct volcano, is said to have once been the home of Pele, the Fire Goddess. Popular activities here include beginner surfing, catamaran and outrigger canoe rides, diving, sailing, snorkeling, and pole fishing.

DAY 2 OAHU On today's Honolulu City Tour you will visit St. Andrew's Cathedral, a gift of King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma to the people of Hawaii. Also Iolani Palace, official residence of the last monarchs of Hawaii: the Kamehameha I Statue. dedicated to the hero who unified the Hawaiian Islands: the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as Punchbowl or Puowaina, the final resting place of thousands of World War II, Korean and Vietnam war veterans, and other highlights. Then tour Pearl Harbor, site of the Japanese attack which marked the United States' entry into World War II. The USS Arizona Memorial, above the sunken battleship, is a tribute to American fighting men killed during the attack on December 7, 1941. A visit to the Memorial is a solemn and sobering experience, even for those who were not alive when the attack occurred. You are literally standing over a grave site where 1177 men lost their lives. The USS Bowfin, a restored World War II submarine, is on exhibit next to the Arizona Memorial ground facility.

DAY 3 OAHU See the sights on today's Circle Island Tour. This all day tour will show you the beauty of Oahu and the modern city of Honolulu.

You will be amazed by contrasting areas of this island from modern Waikiki to the rural "country" of the North Shore. Your knowledgeable guide will brief you on the history and development of these various sections of Oahu as you tour through Oahu mountain ranges and cruise along the shores of the Oahu coastlines. Enjoy the view from the Diamond Head Lookout and see the world-famous crater. Your adventure continues to some of the most famous surfing spots in the world along the North Shore— Waimea Bay, Sunset Beach and the spectacular Banzai Pipeline. Taste fresh pineapple treats at the Dole Pineapple Plantation. Before you leave, you can purchase fresh pineapple to be sent anywhere or packed and passed through agricultural inspection at the airport on your departure. This afternoon you will snorkel in Hanauma Bay, an incomparable marine preserve nestled in a beautiful tropical setting. This delightful sea cove in Koko Head Park was created by volcanic action 10,000 years ago when Pele made her last attempt to find home on Oahu, or so the legend tells.

DAY 4 OAHU Today is free for additional activities. Tonight, you have the *option* of a Paradise Cove Luau. Begin by taking part in a Hukilau, pulling fish nets from the sea to the rhythms of a conch shell and island chants. Witness the pageantry of the Royal Court Procession and the time-honored techniques of underground oven cooking at the Imu Ceremony. Enjoy an extensive feast complete with traditional songs and dances of Hawaii and Polynesia.

DAY 5 DEPART Aloha! Fly home, with excellent memories of all your adventures in Oahu.

